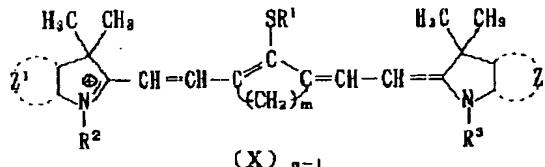


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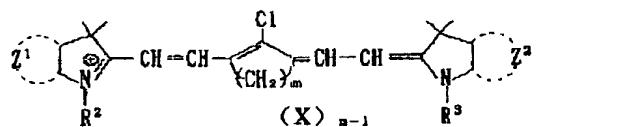
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TITLE : CYANINE COMPOUND

R^1-SH, R^4-OH, R^7R^8NH または $R^{11}CH_2R^{12}$ III

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To obtain the title compound having a reduced deleterious effect and is useful as a dye, a photographic dye, a dye for filtering, a recording compound of an optical information recording medium, a dye for staining a biological sample, a medicine or the like by forming a cyanine compound having a substituent in the methine chain of an indolenine cyanine dye.

CONSTITUTION: A cyanine compound of formula I wherein Z₁ and Z₂ are each a group of nonmetallic atoms necessary for forming the benzo fused ring or the naphtho fused ring substituted with an acidic substituent; R¹ is alkyl or ary; R² and R³ are each alkyl substituted with an acidic substituent; m is 2 or 3; X is an anion; n is 1 or 2; and n is 1 when the dye forms an inner salt is provided. This compound is obtained by reacting a compound of formula II with a compound of formula II at 0-100°C in the presence of water or an organic solvent.

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